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1. The reply filed on 10/10 is informal/not responsive to the prior Office action because the response was filed with extra dependent claims for which an additional \$6.00 is owed. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to William Pierce at E-mail address bill.pierce@USPTO.gov or at telephone number (703) 308-3551.



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ATTACHMENT TO AND MODIFICATION OF
NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY (PTO-37)

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¹ The language which is crossed out is contrary to amended 37 CFR 1.85(c) and 1.136. See "*Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals*", 65 *Fed. Reg.* 54603, 54629, 54641, 54670, 54674 (September 8, 2000), 1238 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 77, 99, 110, 135, 139 (September 19, 2000).

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